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FORMER NEBRASKA GOVERNOR TO LECTURE AT UCSB

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Former Nebraska governor Robert Kerrey, who is visiting UCSB this winter, will give a free public lecture on Monday, March 2 at 8 PM in the UCSB University Center Pavilion. Kerrey's lecture, "The Emergence of a Liberal: How Politics Changed My Ideas About Government," is the annual Harry Girvetz Memorial Lecture, co-sponsored by UCSB Arts & Lectures and the Department of Political Science.

Kerrey, whose gubernatorial term ended in January 1987, was invited to team-teach an undergraduate class with religious studies professor Walter Capps and a graduate seminar with political science professor Alan Wyner.

A Vietnam War veteran who lost part of a leg in the conflict, Kerrey has been participating in Capps' popular course "Religion and the Impact of the Vietnam War" and in Wyner's seminar "State Government and Politics."

Kerrey had spoken to Capps' classes about his war experiences twice before, in 1985 and again in 1986. He expressed interest in returning to spend more time with students, and thus was invited to join the class for a term.

When Kerrey ran for governor in 1982, he was a political unknown. His surprise victory led to a term in office in which he became the most popular governor in the history of Nebraska. But instead of running again -- and gaining a second term in what would have been a sure-win election -- Kerrey chose to step down in order to

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pursue other interests. He has been mentioned as a possible presidential candidate.

Capps and Kerrey's class has attracted wide attention; their standing-room-only lectures are popular with students and non-students alike. It is anticipated that Kerrey's public lecture will draw a large audience.

For more information about this event, call UCSB Arts & Lectures at 961-3535.

Walter Capps
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